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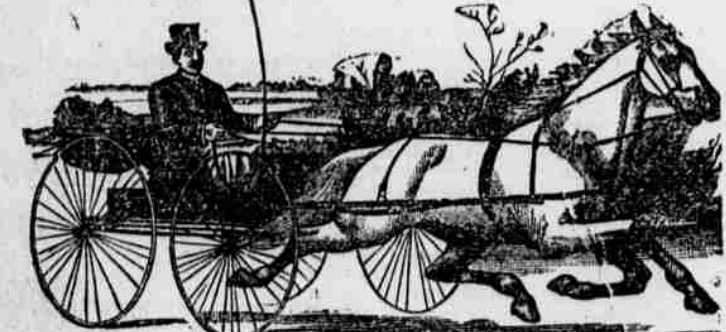
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INTERESTING NEWS COMPILATION.

CONGRESSIONAL.

Twenty-five pension bills were passed in the Senate on the 28th ult. and the Blair educational bill was further discussed. In the House the urgency deficiency bill, \$3,500,000, was reported. Bills were introduced reviving the grade of Lieutenant-General; to prevent the adulteration of food and drugs and the adulteration of food or drugs in and between the States and Territories; providing that all the waters in the United States shall be used for purposes of irrigation.

A bill was passed in the Senate on the 28th ult. appropriating \$5,000 for a monument to Christopher Columbus, to be erected in Washington. The bill to declare unlawful trusts and combinations in restraint of trade and production was considered. In the House the congressional election case of Atkinson (Rep.) versus Pendleton (Dem.), from West Virginia, was discussed in favor of Atkinson. A bill was introduced to amend the world's fair bill so as to require at least two of the board of control to be women.

SENATOR INGALLS was elected President pro tempore of the Senate on the 28th ult. Vice-President Morton being absent. The dependent pension bill was discussed. The bill for the appointment of delegates to the Madrid international industrial conference was passed. A bill was introduced to amend the Mississippi at Davenport, Ia. At the evening session forty-five pension bills were passed.

The Senate was not in session on the 1st. In the House a bill was reported providing for the allotment of lands in severalty to the Quapaw Indians in the Indian Territory. The Senate bill providing for an Assistant Secretary of War was passed.

A bill was passed in the United States Senate on the 28th ult. fixing the salaries of United States judges at \$2,000. Bills were introduced to repeal the long and short-haul clause and the pooling section of the Interstate Commerce act; to inquire into the advisability of increasing the duty on imported hops from eight cents to twenty cents per pound. In the House bills were introduced appropriating \$5,000 for a monument to the division of regulars on the Gettysburg battlefield; to regulate the appointment of fourth-class postmasters by competitive written and personal examination; and giving the Postmaster-General the appointing power. Mr. O'Donnell presented a petition of the Seventh Day Adventists protesting against the enactment of any law in regard to Sabbath observance.

At Keathley, Tenn., a cyclone on the 20th wrecked Winslow & Band's bank building, resulting in serious injuries to six persons. An unsuccessful attempt was made on the night of the 27th ult. by an unknown man to assassinate Dr. Alexander Neil at Columbus, O.

ARRIVES of the 27th ult. say that another victim of the Hatfield-McCoy feud in Kentucky is "Uncle Joe" Johnson, of Pikeville, who was called to the door of his house and shot dead.

CHARLES H. GRANT, a wealthy and eccentric citizen of West Andover, Mass., was found dead in his house on the 27th ult., having apparently starved to death.

The house of Daniel Hebron (colored) was burned on the 27th ult. at Lynchburg, Va., and his two children, aged 18 months and 5 years, perished in the flames.

A CALL was issued on the 27th ult. to branches of the Afro-American League of New York to meet in State convention at Rochester, May 25.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Ten years ago William Hartley was sentenced to the penitentiary from Audrain County for fifty years for murder. He was a model prisoner, and recently he was released, the Governor having commuted his sentence. When he returned to his home at Mexico he greeted his father, wife and brother very coldly. A few days later he made an assault upon his father and wife, and when an officer reached the scene he found the ex-convict choking his father and threatening to kill him. He was promptly arrested.

George Dowell, residing ten miles north of Chillicothe, had been missing from his granary and concluded to set a trap for the thief. He loaded a shotgun and placed it in such a position that when the door was opened the load would be discharged at the intruder. The other day his wife went to the granary to feed her pet pig and the gun was discharged, the entire load entering her breast, killing her instantly. Dowell had told her what he had done, but she had forgotten it. They had been married but two months.

W. B. COPE's dry goods and grocery store in West Plains was destroyed by fire the other day. Loss about \$4,000; insured.

The other morning William Rainwater and Charles Mills, two lads each fourteen years old, got into an altercation at Unionville which resulted in the latter being stabbed in the wrist with a knife. The blade penetrated entirely through between the two bones, making a serious wound.

Dr. J. TAYLOR, a prominent physician in the circuit court against a boot and shoe firm of that city for \$10,000 damages. He claims that some time ago the firm sent him a notice printed on a postal card that if he did not pay a long standing account his name would be given into the association of retail merchants and blacklisted. He alleges the postal card was addressed to him in a room of a prominent saloon, where it lay several days, and was read by over one hundred people.

ALFRED CARROUCH, the eight-year-old son of a farmer living near Sedalia, died the other day from hydrophobia contracted in a peculiar manner. The dog from which he contracted the disease did not bite him, but only licked his severely chapped hands.

GEORGE WARD, a coal miner, seventeen years old, was instantly killed while at work in the mines of the Grundy Coal Company near Trenton the other afternoon. A large mass of coal became detached from the roof and fell on him, completely covering him.

The other day Mrs. Mary J. Miller went to the jewelry store of M. W. Moody, a jeweler at Nevada, and asked for John Gordon, a clerk. She was shown where the young man was, and going to him she threw a lot of cayenne pepper in his eyes and quickly retreated. It was thought Gordon would lose his eyesight. The woman was arrested. Gordon attributed the act to a desire for revenge because he had been the means of having the woman discharged from her employer's family on account of her unsavory reputation.

ELBERT B. NICHOLS, of the Christian Church at Mount Vernon, was recently found guilty of bigamy and given two years in the penitentiary.

The National Labor Committee met at Kansas City recently. A number of speeches were made, touching on the condition of the party and the requirements of it during the next campaign. Among those who addressed the convention were A. J. Streeter, of Illinois, United Labor candidate for President in 1888; C. E. Cunningham, of Little Rock, Ark., candidate for Vice-President on the ticket with Streeter, and "Uncle" Jesse Harper, of Danville, Ill., the man who nominated Lincoln. A resolution was passed favoring the reduction of the hours of labor. Also one denouncing the issuing of all interest bearing bonds of every character and description, for the reason that they are an indirect mortgage upon the industries of the country, the principal and interest of which have to be paid by the laboring and industrial classes.

A BREAK beam of a Missouri Pacific freight car broke near Oxford the other day, causing four cars to be thrown from the track just as the train was crossing a trestle. A brakeman named Conley was hurled from one of the cars and dangerously injured.

THE DOMINION.

Things Gradually But Surely Shaping Themselves in Canada to the End of Independence—The Project in Its Infancy, But It Is Growing with Unmistakable Persistence.

MONTREAL, Can., March 5.—Events are shaping themselves gradually but slowly for some important change in Canada's status. Ever since the loyalty address to the Queen was passed by the Commons at Ottawa and the young Liberals of Toronto and Montreal passed counter resolutions in favor of Canadian independence, arrangements have been quietly proceeding in this city for the establishment of an organization which will work systematically and unceasingly in favor of "the emancipation of the country."

The project is as yet in its infancy, but the promoters, though somewhat reticent, admit that it will soon be fully launched. They say that the end in view is a patriotic one, and that only pacific and constitutional methods will be employed. A Canadian independence league, with ramifications all through the land and beyond the borders, will be formed. It will have an organ published in the English language which will be called "1892," the date upon which it is hoped independence will have been brought about.

As for the French Canadians, the league will rely for organs on several of the Liberal newspapers which have already declared for a Canadian Republic. All the Liberal and other clubs in the country will be so many branches under the direction of the Supreme Council in this city. It is hoped that independence clubs will be formed at the East in every county, if not in every town and village. Literature favoring the change will be prepared and disseminated abundantly. Members and candidates at every election will be asked to pledge themselves to the idea.

This will be for this country. Outside, an effort will be sought to obtain the moral support of all the independent nations of both Americas "to remove in 1892 from free America the last vestige of monarchical and European rule." This particular date is chosen because of its being the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus. Universities and political clubs in the United States and Europe which favor the extension of democratic ideas and triumph of democratic institutions will be invited to assist the movement and exert their moral influence in securing the independence of Canada. A large number of prominent politicians, especially in the Liberal ranks, declare themselves in private in favor of independence. One of the chief promoters authorizes the statement that the project will soon assume tangible shape.

DOOMED MINERS.

The Seven Miners Entombed in the St. Lawrence Shaft at Wilkesbarre, Pa., Still Undiscovered, Notwithstanding the Efforts of the Rescuing Party—All Hope Abandoned.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 5.—A special to the Times from Wilkesbarre, Pa., says: The rescuing party that went down the Stanton shaft yesterday morning after the seven miners shut in by the fire in the mines Monday, returned shortly after one o'clock without making any new discovery. They advanced some distance beyond the point reached early yesterday morning, and came to a point from which they could see the light of the blazing tunnel, but could proceed no further. Along the way they made the most careful search for any trace of the missing men, but without avail. After the return of the searching party, Mine Inspector Williams and Superintendent Morgan of the Stanton mine ordered the colliery on private investigation. They were supplied with lamps and had every means of communication from the subterranean chambers to the surface fully established.

The officials named are determined to exhaust every means to rescue the men before the search is abandoned. About the homes of the imprisoned men sympathizing neighbors gathered, tendering their generous sympathies, by every art endeavoring to assuage the grief of the stricken wives and children by the utterance of hopeful possibilities. It was a terrible sight to view, and one which moved the stoutest heart.

All Hope Abandoned.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 5.—All hope of saving the entombed miners has been abandoned and the mine is being flooded. The damage to the property will be very great. The fire had extended seven hundred feet from its point of origin at last reports.

William B. Allison Re-Elected to the United States Senate.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 5.—Senator Wm. B. Allison was yesterday re-elected to the United States Senate by the Iowa Legislature. Each house voted separately. In the Senate the vote stood: Wm. B. Allison, Republican, 28; L. Beardslow, Democrat, 20; Wm. Larrabee, Farmers' Alliance candidate, 2. In the House Allison received 50 votes, Beardslow, 42, and Larrabee, 6. This gave Allison a clear majority and obviated the necessity of a second vote being taken in joint session.

The Blessed-Peace Makers.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The annual meeting of the International Christian Arbitration and Peace Societies was held here last night in the Church of the Covenant. Justice Harlan of the Supreme Court presided. Secretary Winkler, Postmaster-General Wanda-maker, and a great number of people prominent in political, public, diplomatic and social circles, were present. Dr. Boardman, of Philadelphia, president of the society, made the address of the evening, which was attentively listened to by an audience that filled the church.